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*It's true that some of you will
get fabulously wealthy, and
we expect all of it back.
- President Stan Hales,
during the presidential
search in 1995*

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Ten SGA positions on ballot

By Christopher Beck
News Editor

The Student Government Elections will be held today in Kittredge dining halls from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

There are ten positions on the ballot; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary of Academic Affairs, Secretary of Housing, Secretary of Safety and Security, Secretary of Diversity and Cultural Affairs, Secretary of Services, Secretary of Publicity and a Campus Council at Large seat.

There are 22 students total running for the positions. All Wooster students were eligible after getting 65 signatures on a petition.

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SGA elections today

Presidential candidates hold debate

By Christopher Beck
News Editor

On Wednesday, April 14, the Student Government Association held its annual Presidential Debate in preparation for today's SGA cabinet elections. This year's Presidential candidates are Arvil Gonzalez '05, Eli Lewine '05 and Joe Cortez '06.

The debate began with opening speeches by all three candidates, then the students in attendance were allowed to ask the candidates questions.

Lewine, who currently holds a seat on the SGA senate, focused on the need for increased communication between the students and the administration.

"Administration doesn't tell us what's going on and we don't tell them what we care about," he said. "I can bring a strong initiative through the new cabinet ... so that we can really focus



Presidential candidates Arvil Gonzalez, Eli Lewine and Joe Cortez debate the issues on Wednesday evening (Photo by Caroline Hotra).

on the issues that the student body cares about, ... and bring them to the administration."

Gonzalez acquired a seat on the senate after returning from a semester abroad.

He stated that the college would benefit from increased cooperation "through students involved in SGA and students not involved in

SGA and administration that would like to cooperate and get student feedback."

Cortez, who also has brief senate experience, emphasized the need for increased activity within SGA and the expansion the organization. "I would like to bring more involvement in the SGA," said Cortez.

History students honored

By Colin Nusbaum
Staff Writer

Two achieved College of Wooster students were recently honored at the Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society Regional History Conference.

On April 3, Claire Long '05, and Angela Zombek '04, attended the symposium to present efforts that culminated in their Independent Study projects.

Allotted only fifteen minutes to showcase their extensive research into history, the attendees outlined their essays to a large crowd of invited students and distinguished professors.

Claire Long presented her Jr. I.S. which she recently completed under the advisement of history professor, Dr. Hayden Schilling. After considering two case stud-

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New faculty members join College Grant will address student smoking

By Eliza S. Cramer
Editor in Chief

The College of Wooster will be welcoming 21 new leave replacement and visiting faculty for the 2004-05 academic year, four of which are already at Wooster.

The Chemistry Department welcomes Dr. Paul Bonvallet as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Bonvallet received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.A. in chemistry from Kenyon College and comes from a research position UCLA. Chemistry Department Chair Virginia Pett said that Bonvallet brings "a new research focus for our department; seniors will have additional research options in I.S."

Two new professors will be joining the Classical Studies

Department. Matthew McGowan, a visiting assistant professor on a two-year contract, comes to Wooster from St. Francis College in Brooklyn. "[He] is energetic, charismatic, erudite, droll, and knows Latin inside and out," said Rachel Sternberg, classical studies department chair. A second faculty member will be hired soon to fill the other position.

The Sociology and Anthropology Department has also hired two new professors. Jason Shelton, visiting instructor of sociology, will be teaching courses on racial and ethnic groups in America. Shelton is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Miami. Praveena Gullapalli, visiting professor of anthropology and archaeology, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Pennsylvania.

After 30 years, the German

Department is losing Professors Richard and Susan Figge to retirement. Beth Ann Muellner from the University of Minnesota and Gustavus-Adolphus College will be filling one of these positions. Muellner will teach Introductory German (101 and 102), German travel literature and Introduction to German Studies.

Two assistant professors will be joining the Biology Department. Sharon Lynn comes from Colby College "Her research on the endocrinology of reproductive behavior in birds nicely complements existing strengths in the Department," said Department Chair William Morgan. Michelle Solensky comes from the University of St. Thomas and will be teaching Animal Behavior,

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By Justin L. Hart
News Editor

The College has been awarded a grant of \$130,000 from the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation, which will be allocated to deal with campus tobacco use.

Gaylyn Gaddy Maurer, the College's alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention specialist, explained that the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation was formed after the nationwide Master Settlement Agreement, a legal settlement in which 46 states received financial compensation from tobacco companies. "They are responsible for Ohio's portion of the monies,"

Maurer said. The College's grant will take effect between March 1 and July 31, 2005. After its establishment in the year 2000 by the Ohio General Assembly, the foundation began accepting applications from colleges around the state that were willing to undertake what Maurer called "a pilot program" addressing college students' tobacco use.

Use of these funds will be divided into three categories. "Prevention education, cessation and advocacy are the three units," said Nancy Anderson, director of the Longbrake Student Wellness Center.

"If one chooses to smoke, it is

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College to use grant to address tobacco use

Around the Corner

Friday, April 16

Circle K auction in conjunction with Greek Week during Happy Hour at the Underground. Proceeds benefit charity. Contact Lribich@wooster.edu if you would like to participate.

Monday, April 19

Rabbi Steven Leonard Jacobs will present "The Oldest Hatred and the Biggest Lie" on Monday April 19, at Gault Recital Hall of Scheide Music Center beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20

Take Back the Night will meet at 6 p.m. for a shuttle to Seattle's to meet with community members for the march. The open mike segment and information tables will start at 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

Earth Day Celebration, as part of Peace, Justice and Earth Week, in Lowry Pit from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, April 23

Student Government Association Senate Elections

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a choice," Anderson said, emphasizing the legitimacy of students' decisions. "The cessation part of it [is that] if you're choosing to stop ... we will be offering an opportunity."

The funds will also give 100 students the chance to undertake a free program to quit tobacco use. These 100, the limit that the money will be able to pay for, will receive nicotine patches and medical exams at no charge, as well as what Anderson called "a monetary incentive," from the Wellness Center. "There's something available for them without a fee involved," said Anderson.

In addition, Anderson men-

tioned the upcoming annual online survey from the Wellness Center, which will ask students about tobacco use, among other issues. "When you fill this out, every fiftieth person will get \$100," Anderson said.

Maurer discussed what the educational aspect would entail. "We'll do some large-scale marketing," she said, "getting out the correct information." In addition, some classes may include information on tobacco-use prevention. "Some of the faculty have expressed interest in enhancing their curriculum," said Maurer.

"The majority of students on campus don't smoke," Maurer said. "We have a very small percentage of students who are regular smokers." About 10 percent of students at the College smoke at



A few students smoke a cigarette outside of Lowry Center (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

least three times a week. "There's about a quarter of the campus that are social smokers," she said. This constitutes around 27 percent of students, who smoke less than

three times a week, mainly in social situations. Maurer said that the program will solicit feedback from both smoking and non-smoking students.

Faculty has additions

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Ethology and Invertebrate Biology.

The Black Studies Department will have no new faculty members, but were able to rehire Martha Banks as a visiting member. A licensed clinical psychologist, Banks specializes in neuropsychology and disabilities.

The History Department will have four new visiting faculty members: David Tompkins from Columbia University, David Behrent from New York University and Mary Linehan from the University of Notre Dame. "We are in the process of

hiring a Latin American historian," said History Department Chair Hayden Schilling.

The English Department welcomes Laurie Deitz from the University of Notre Dame. She will be teaching English 120 and 160. Some departments have yet to hire replacements, but are currently in the process of doing so.

"Beyond their impact on individual programs," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Iain Crawford, "I'm particularly pleased to see that the group includes a large number of female, international, or minority faculty, since increasing the diversity of our faculty is especially important to enriching the educational experience Wooster offers."

Students awarded for research work

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ies, she constructed the paper around what she outlined as the importance of Holocaust museums in American culture. The summarization of the 33 page independent study earned Long "High Praise" at the conference.

In response to her honor Long commented, "It was a great experience to present my work and research to the academic community and get such a positive response."

Zombek put forth her more extensive senior independent study that included five chapters and over 140 pages. Her research is entitled "History Hides the Lies of Our Civil War: The Forgotten Battle of Pickett's Mill."

At the conference Zombek outlined what she describes as "an embarrassing battle that was greatly ignored by [Union General] Sherman." Under the advisement of Dr. Jeff Roche, the paper aims to explore "how events

get remembered in the larger historical context."

Zombek's presentation of her previously unformulated research earned her a "Superior" rating for which she was rewarded both \$50 cash and a book written by an attending professor.

Both women received recognition for their unique research projects that originated after many months of preparation, work and study.

The Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society Regional History Conference is held annually to acknowledge the accomplishments of upcoming, young history scholars.

Correction

In last week's News section, the 2004-05 Program House assignments were misprinted. The following corrections should be noted. An editor erred.

House	Program
Corner House	Prevention
Gable House	Common Grounds (women)
Hider Apts.	SNACK
Hider House	Hospital Program

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SGA Election Candidate Profiles

Vice President

Alexander Balloon '07

Major: Urban Studies/ History
"I want to expand the role of SGA within Campus Council. Many students feel SGA is the 'poor stepchild' organization. This position will allow me to bridge the two organizations and ensure more co-operation. I welcome the opportunity to represent students."

Shawn Sweeney '06

Major: Biology / Psychology
"I feel as though I am a good candidate because of the 2 years of experience I have had on SGA. This time had showed me how to lead a large group of people in an efficient manner."

Secretary of Services

Adam E. Osborne '05

Major: Bio, Molecular Biology
"I will do my job to the best of my ability in a transparent and timely manner."

Secretary of Publicity

Morgan Watkins '06

Major: Political Science
"I have experience in SGA. I am also creative and love to talk so publicity is NOT a problem."

Lisa-Marie McCreath '07

Major: Psychology
"Someone as enthusiastic as myself is ideal for this position. With my strong communications skills, great personality and artistic ability the SGA will be represented well."



Arvil Antonio Gonzalez '05

Major: Political Science
"It is my hope that my understanding of the current system and my willingness to get the student body involved with issues that they are interested in will allow for the beginning at a new era in the SGA."

Secretary of Safety/ Security

James Faulkner '05

Major: Chemistry
"As Secretary of Safety and Security I would be a good go between for the student government and the Security office."

Jack Boyd '06

Major: International Relations
"I feel that my roles of service for the campus community thus far have been a great step towards improving the experience of the student body at the College."

Treasurer

Katie Lytch '07

Major: Undecided
"The College of Wooster rocks."

President



Joe Cortez '06

Major: Communication Studies
"As a student who has been on both sides of SGA. I feel that I have an appreciation of how SGA works on both sides of the fence: the infrastructure within, and the students being subjected to SGA."



Eli Lewine '05

Major: Political Science
Minor: History
"I have proven leadership abilities and a strong connection to student needs on the campus. My agenda is clear in that I will work to improve the standard of living for students in any way possible."

Secretary of Academic Affairs

Dapeng Hu '06

Major: Math
"I am a very outgoing person. I have played some leadership roles at the College of Wooster ... I would love to see the academic at the College of Wooster be stronger and more interesting to students. I would love to see students get involved in academic policies."

Josephine Sasu-Tenkoraaa '06

Major: Chemistry
"I devote a significant amount of time to academics and have broadened my scope with the different extracurricular activities I'm involved in on campus. With my devotion to academia and love for school, I believe I am in the position to ensure that students' voices are heard by the academic community."

Campus Council at Large Seat

Sarah Mickley '05

Major: Chemistry
"I think I would be a strong candidate because I have experience with campus affairs and I am deeply concerned with the student-faculty-staff relationship. I feel that I could be a good representative of students because I understand their interests and concerns."

Secretary of Housing

Jonathan Hartschuh '07

Major: Business Economics
"I feel that I am a strong candidate because I will be a member of the Residential Life and Housing staff as an RA and will be able to relate to both Res-Life and Housing as well as the Senate."

Juliana Anquandah '06

Major: Biochemistry
"I am a strong candidate because I am a hard working, dedicated student who ... cares about what goes on and how things personally affect students around campus. As a student assistant in Residential Life and Housing I am excited to learn more and share my experience concerning this issue with student body."

Andrea Nelson '05

Major: History, focus on Latin America
"I have experience with faculty, administrators, staff and students. I am well spoken, extremely dedicated and hardworking."

Secretary Of Diversity and Cultural Affairs

Mike Prohaska '06

Major: Political Science
"I feel that I am a strong candidate for this new position because I am bringing to the table strong leadership and experience which is what this new position requires."

Matthew Rahde '05

Major: History
"I've served on the cabinet of Xi Chi Psi, an invaluable experience as it gave me the opportunity to interact with many different groups."

Michael J. Ruttinger '05

Major: History
"Most students at Wooster consider diversity to be about races and genders; I am a strong candidate because I realize that it extends much further than that. Diversity must also be about personal beliefs, gender, and intellectual debate."

Summer Job Opportunities

Mohican Wilderness Camp/Campground is now hiring for the following positions:

Camp Ground Manager	Lifeguard
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Front Desk/Office	Recreation Director
Outdoor Educator/Naturalist	

Mohican Wilderness Camp is located in the northeast corner of Knox County, Ohio on the Mohican River. Room and board is provided or employees can commute.

Call Anne at (740) 599-6741 or email her at: wilderness@ecr.net

The Wooster Voice.....

The Wooster Voice is accepting applications for the 2004-05 staff. Applications are available at Lowry Front Desk or at www.wooster.edu/voice.

Contact Pamela or Eliza at x2598 or voice@wooster.edu with any questions. Applications are due April 23, 2004.

VOICE EDITORIALS

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Websites need overhauling

Throughout the year students rely heavily on the Internet for everything from checking email to Lowry dining selections. This is why we are so disappointed when many campus groups have not updated their webpages in a long time. Upon checking twelve random student organization websites, only four were accurately updated. While we realize that these sites are student-run, a lot of students rely on them for accurate information. Take for example the Campus Council and SGA websites. Not only do about half of the links lead to blank pages, some of the other information is plain outdated or incorrect. How are students supposed to read the new SGA constitution if it isn't posted on the website? Not to confine these problems to student government, WVN, WAC and several other organizations have similar problems. We understand that it is both difficult and time consuming to keep these sites updated, however, some groups successfully do so. Look at the Allies and Queers and the ISA website, for instance. As the year comes to a close and next year's officers are being chosen, organizations should perhaps consider selecting a reliable webmaster.

Elections underpublicized

Today's Student Government Association elections come only after a series of blunders by the current SGA membership. The student body was not given sufficient notice as to when the elections were. In fact, publicity was lacking to such a large degree that even some of those directly involved with SGA did not know the elections were today. Therefore, not only did students not have the necessary time to pay attention to the candidates in order to make an informed decision, but also there might very well be students who would have ran but did not know about the elections. Furthermore, the Presidential Debate on Wednesday was attended almost exclusively by members of the Senate. So we are not sure how students will be deciding who to vote for, even if they know that they are supposed to vote today. However, we wonder how the candidates can feel satisfied that their election is entirely legitimate. Those who did know about the elections, did manage to run and are elected should work to see that this situation doesn't arise again.

Editors: Matthew Foulds • Erik W. Shilling

Clear Channel is killing radio

Turning on the radio is not what it used to be. It's becoming difficult to find a local athletic event or a local news flash on the radio. Instead of a local disc jockey, there are a handful of disc jockeys broadcasting shows to hundreds of stations daily. Instead of a station owner in every town running his or her own radio station however his or her audience says they want it to be, there is a national conglomerate called Clear Channel running the radio industry.



corysmith

The next time you're in a car at one in the morning, driving for coffee at Country Kitchen, visiting Wal-Mart for a printer cartridge, or going to Taco Bell for that late night snack, flip on the radio and cruise through the dial. First off, you'll probably hear some sort of Clear Channel station; there are a number of them in this area, ranging from rap to country formats. You might also hear two stations broadcasting the same song at the same time. This is a telltale sign of a Clear Channel station, one that switches to a more cost-effective

brand of prepackaged radio in the late hours of the day. There is nothing local about these radio stations; they are owned by executives, and run strictly as money-makers, rather than as a service to communities.

This may not make you angry. The average radio listener cares about nothing but being able to hear the latest Britney Spears tune every couple of hours. But think about it for a moment. Radio is the last form of free media left in this country, provided you have a radio, and everyone listens to it because everyone has equal access to it. It's not just about hearing the music you want to hear, it's about supporting your community. Radio allows you to do this because there is a station owner in nearly every town. The average Joe running a radio station should not have to be in fear of going under because Clear Channel is broadcasting prepackaged radio at a much more cost effective rate than is possible for the local radio station.

Local radio has become a victim of capitalism. Clear Channel is controlling the airwaves, and this is preposterous because radio is there for everyone to hear, and everyone can listen to a variety of

radio stations. Clear Channel takes away this variety by controlling the music industry, playing only music they see fit and controlling the media by only broadcasting their news. Imagine only one source of media. In this country, it is simply unacceptable.

Never mind the alleged affiliations Clear Channel has with the Bush administration. Never mind Clear Channel kicking Howard Stern off the air while keeping other low profile, but perhaps more offensive, political talk shows on the air.

The important issue is that the local DJ is becoming extinct. To be an activist, all you have to do is turn the dial on your radio. If not to WCWS 90.9 on campus, then to something local. Do it because radio is the last piece of media that isn't completely tainted with money and politics. Believe it or not, you will be able to find a local station that plays something besides country music that might be appealing to you. You might just find something new and different. Support your local DJ.

Cory Alan Smith is a DJ in Celina, OH and can be reached for comment regarding his editorial at CSmith2@wooster.edu.

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To the editors,

On Wednesday, April 14, we went to room draw at 7:15 pm as future roommates without high expectations for a decent room as rising sophomores. But we expected to at least get a room! Apparently, starting after the low 700's there are no more general room draw rooms for females on campus. However, there are rooms left for males. This is rather ironic since there are more females on this campus than males. We want to know why students are paying over \$33,000 to attend this college when there seems to be nowhere for some of us to stay.

They must have known that this was going to happen, considering that when Dave Brown walked out of Scot Lanes and announced to all the females that all rooms reserved

for General Room Draw had been assigned, there were already letters prepared, and information sheets for us to fill out. The letters we received are dated April 15, 2004. What does this say to you? It says poor planning to us. What did Residential Life and Housing expect? The freshman class this year was already larger than usual, and so they had to make singles into doubles and remove computer labs from all the dorms in order to make rooms. How did they expect to have enough room when they turned the double singles back into singles?

We had been rather impressed with the College of Wooster and their processes thus far, but we must say that we were very disappointed today. For the most part, the rising sophomore class got

screwed. There is no way to make it look or sound pretty. How is it possible to give out General Room Draw numbers that you cannot accommodate? General Room Draw numbers rise into the 900's. Where are they going to put all of these people, the freshman dorms?

We ask any other homeless female students to write letters to President Stan Hales, as well as to the Dean of Students Kurt Holmes and David M. Brown, director of Residential Life & Housing. We feel that this is unacceptable behavior from The College of Wooster, as well as Residential Life and Housing. This issue needs to be addressed immediately.

Claire Burke '07
Carly Kammer '07

Silent segregation louder than words

To the editors,

Stepping onto the College of Wooster campus is quite a culture shock for African-American students who may come from communities that embrace diversity. Simply being the only black student in a class surrounded by white students is an awakening experience in itself. When issues such as racism and affirmative action arise during class discussions you catch yourself expecting (and dreading) that it is only a matter of time before someone will boldly utter a racist comment and send the class into turmoil. It often feels like everyone is holding his or her breath waiting to hear what the token black kid has to say, as if our experiences represent those of the entire black community.

However, deceived by the Allen Scholarship weekend, African-American students come to terms with the reality of Wooster's racial climate as soon as freshmen orientation begins. We recognize from day one that there are certain stigmas and stereotypes associated with being one of a handful of black students in a rural college setting. Being a black student means sitting at the "black table" that everyone else notices but ignores. It means automatically being associated with the Black Students Association (BSA) or one of its umbrella organizations, whether or not you participate in these programs. It means having to put forth extra effort in order to create and maintain friendships outside of the "inner circle" of the black community. Fellow students often utter careless comments that can be perceived as racist in nature; tales of racial slurs and derogatory comments are in constant circulation amongst members of the black community.

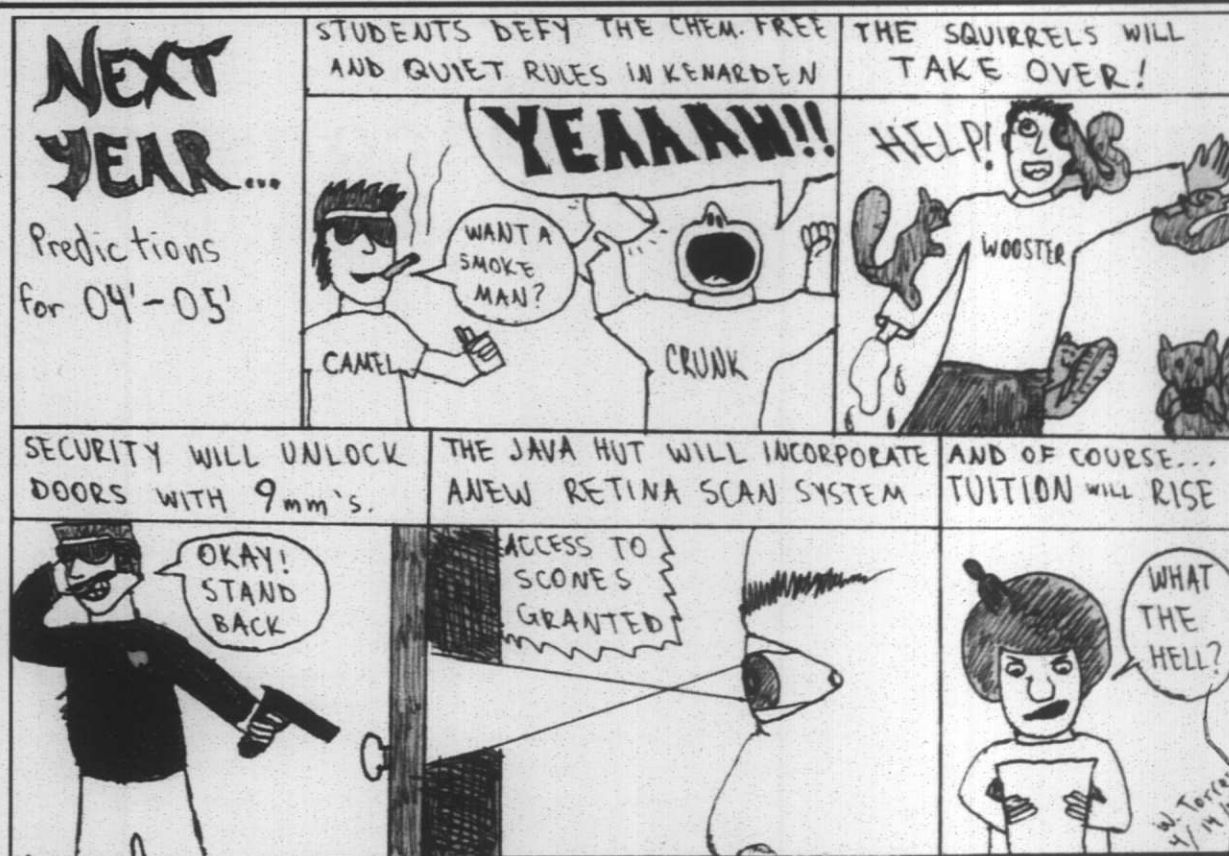
Sometimes being a black student here at the College even means questioning your safety as you venture off campus. Local Wooster residents have no qualms about tossing out the N-bomb as they drive down Beall Avenue. In

shops downtown, we are either harassed or ignored. People are always looking at us like we don't really belong, like our presence is not earned, but rather granted by affirmative action programs. We may have an acute awareness of all things racist, but this is a result of our knowledge that micro-inequities are a reality.

The fact that we are so under represented has allowed us the opportunity to create a close-knit community. Although we enjoy the closeness of our group, we do not enjoy being socially restricted. Though it may appear that we intentionally do not attend functions that cater to a white crowd, we are not boycotting these events. It is simply that we do not feel comfortable immersing ourselves in situations in which we may feel like the outsiders. This year's Sadie Hawkins Dance, sponsored by the Women of Images, which was open to the entire campus, only drew in members of the black and international communities. White students came, looked around, got all uncomfortable and walked right back out the door.

We are not writing this with intentions of infuriating anyone; neither are we accusing white students of holding the blame for the conditions under which black students live here at the College. Instead, we are attempting to make students more aware of the invisible division and social differences between students of color and white students here on campus. We recognize that things have changed for the better since the Galpin Takeover fifteen years ago, but, with all of the progress of past years, at this point in time we seem to be backsliding. At a time when people would like to believe that racism no longer affects our lives, we need to examine the smaller racial issues that many people choose to overlook.

Kassandra Dobson '06
Samathryn Witham '06
(General Assembly
Members of BSA)



Gay marriage a natural right

To the editors,

Over the past few months, gay marriage has become even more of a heated issue than usual. Having heard a number of arguments both for and against gay marriage and, rather than just write a one-sided editorial that doesn't acknowledge opposing views, I will try to go over many of the more prominent, opposing viewpoints.

The biggest issue for many people is that homosexuality is against the Bible. In the Bible it is stated, "Man shall not lie with mankind the same way he lies with womankind: it is an abomination in the eyes of God." (Lev.18:22). Contrary to popular belief, however, we do not make laws based on the Bible. Although we live in an overall "Christian" culture, separation of church and state keeps this particular argument from holding water in the eyes of politicians.

Next to religion, one of the more common arguments includes the question, "You talk about tolerance, but when does it stop? People will want you to be tolerant of them loving animals, children or their own immediate family members." To refute this, two homosexuals who want to marry cannot be compared to any of the

above for many reasons, mainly because said gay people are consenting adults. In our society, the absence of consent is rape, hence "age of consent" laws. Reasonable adults will tell you that they could not have made a decision about their sexual orientation when they were kids.

Many people will also say that gay marriage will devalue the institution of marriage. If we were to allow gay marriage would this make you, a straight person, less attracted to your partner? Does it make your partner any less attracted to you at all? Of course not. The institution of marriage was devalued when the meet-her-and-marry-her Vegas wedding was invented. The institution of marriage was devalued when Britney Spears had a quickie wedding and even quicker annulment. Why does this have little or no effect on the institution of marriage, yet the marriage of two men or women who are in love devalues this institution to the nth degree? Regardless, if the "institution of marriage" were as sacred and honored as people would like to make you think, the divorce rate wouldn't be 49 percent.

And then there are civil unions. The argument is: "Rather than call

it marriage, why not call it a civil union since marriage is a religious term?" Marriage stopped being a religious term when two could get married without the permission of religious officials. Many people fail to realize that some proposed civil union statutes grant fewer rights than marriage. Also, in some cases civil unions do not transfer from state-to-state; they are valid only in the state or city that they were granted in. To propose the union of homosexuals to be a mere civil union would be a great insult.

Our founding fathers wanted everyone to have access to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Isn't the treatment of homosexuals as second-rate human beings infringing on both liberty and their personal pursuit of happiness? After decades of innumerable steps forward in equality, Bush's proposed amendment would be an enormous step backward. The bottom line is that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the foundations of this country's constitution. The lifestyle issues that even one as elevated as the President has against a certain group of people is nothing less than bigotry codified.

- Zach Leeds '05

Investigation: Deconstructing the Nalgene

By Andrew R. Waldman
Managing Editor

The Voice puts the bottle's unbreakable claim to the test

Nalgene bottles: these little liquid containers are a staple of outdoorsy, liberal-leaning college students. Any semi-perceptive person can spot a "Nalgene" from a half-mile away. The carrier of the bottle is usually clad in Birkenstock sandals and sports a pair of ripped-up jeans and a polar-fleece pullover. Their demeanor is disconnected — normally the carrier doesn't even notice the world around them: they simply exist with the bottle.

I have often mused upon the complicated social structures that exist around Nalgene bottle users. It seems that if one member of a group of friends has one of these \$8 contraptions, then the rest of the group eventually all has them. I, being of a more practical type (I don't drink water very often), have

So, armed with nothing but the pleather jacket on my back and an old smelly orange Nalgene bottle provided by *The Voice*, I set out to test the durability of the "unbreakable" bottle.

Two fellow non-Nalgeners, Emma Simmons '06 and Matt Foulds '05, accompanied me on this adventure. Festivities opened with Matt and me trying to break the bottle using the sheer muscle power a man possesses: his heel. We stomped on the thing for about five minutes to no avail. The only discovery we were able to make was that when the container is empty, it bounces really high in the air. Pretty cool.

After failed attempts at destroying the bottle by hurling it against a tree and kicking it some more, we decided to get a little bit

approached the edge of the roof. When the moment was right, I let the bottle go; it dropped at a painfully slow speed. The tension was mounting and I was nervous that my plan wouldn't work.

But as the bottle met the ground, my world was affirmed. The thing hit like a bullet to the concrete and in a second, I saw the water rushing out the bottom of the bottle.

Upon closer inspection, I found that the bottle has a small circular dot on the center of the bottom. This is conceivably the Achilles heel of the Nalgene world, as I found that the dot of plastic had popped out.

After the bottle was broken, I returned to the bungalow with my comrades. To add insult to injury, we backed Matt's Chevy Caprice over it a few times. This mutilated it even more.

Back in my room at Scot Cottage, Emma did a little research into the Nalgene company. Apparently, the company is very involved with producing animal-testing equipment to prevent rabbits from breaking their own necks (this is a veritable defense mechanism against predators) while they are drawing samples.

It's pretty sick, and it's a little odd that the liberal crowd — which includes several environmentalists — cherishes their Nalgene bottles even though their maker produces seemingly cruel devices used on animals.

Additionally, if you break the bottle, don't even worry about recycling it, because it can't be done. Ah well, it's not a surprise that this happens. Hippies put the "hip" in hypocrite.

By the end of the experiment, I was left with a few final thoughts.

The first was that I was right to assume that there was something behind the world of Nalgeners.

Secondly, I learned that you can never trust a trend. No matter how many little activist stickers you put on your Nalgene, or what neon color you have selected, you still spent about \$7 too much for a goddamned little water bottle.



A 1986 Chevrolet Caprice rolls over the "mutilated" Nalgene bottle, proving once and for all that just as rock beats scissors, so does steel beat plastic (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

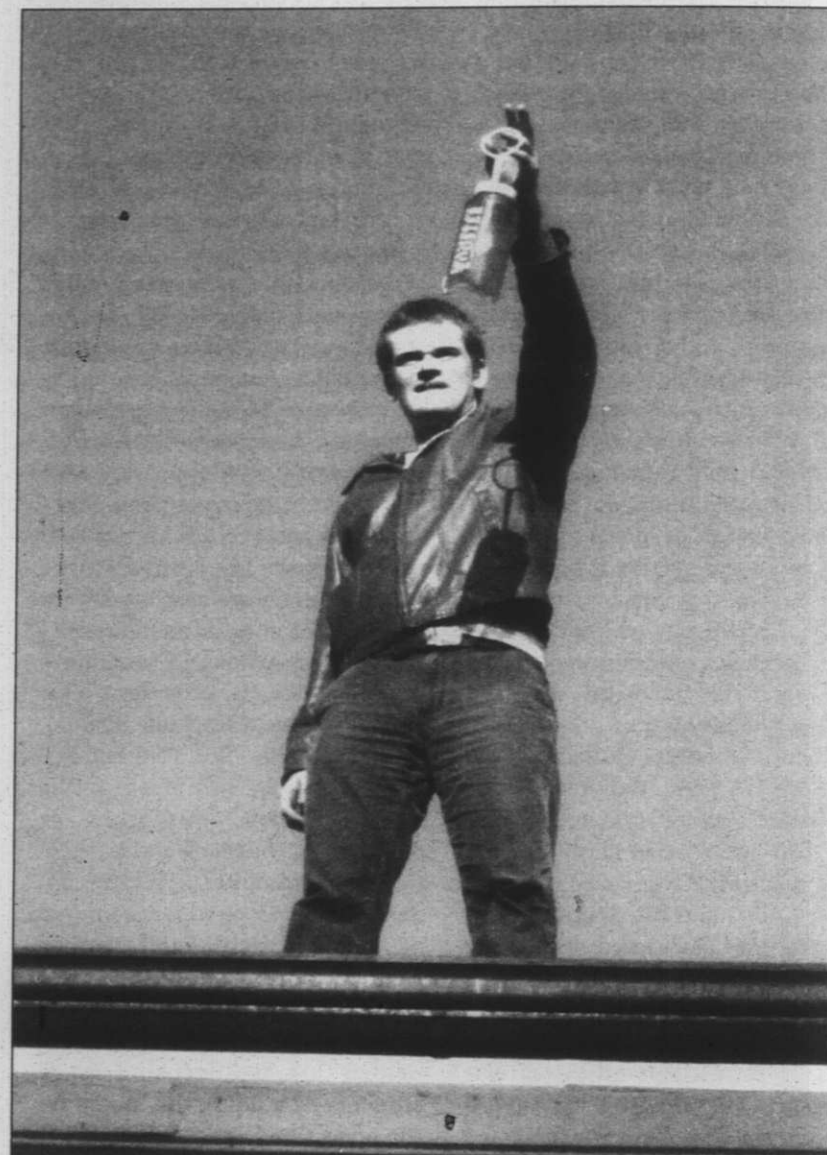
never bought one, so I always wondered why people seem to be so attracted to this subculture.

At one point, I asked a friend why he purchased a Nalgene. The student simply said, "They're unbreakable, man."

Unbreakable, huh? I decided to check this out for myself. I figured that if I couldn't break it, then the \$8 it costs to pick one up might actually be a decent investment. If I got one of those handy dandy bottles and it never broke, I wouldn't ever need another water bottle again.

more creative. Our next experiment involved dropping a large boulder on it; this was a little more fruitful, as we were able to dent it this time. But still, we weren't able to even crack the thing. I was starting to dread the fact that I might be owning one of these bottles soon.

However, I was not done yet. Matt and I devised a plan to fill up the Nalgene bottle with rocks and water so as to weight it down. After doing that, we climbed to the top of a four-story building as carefully as possible and



Andrew R. Waldman '05 stands atop a 40-foot structure in the fading sunlight, holding the doomed Nalgene bottle, filled with water and rocks, ready to drop it off the side of the building. The Nalgene bottle was destroyed in under 20 minutes (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

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Greek Week celebration focuses on community service

By Alaina Hession
Staff Writer

Every spring, the Greek community sponsors a week of volunteerism in an attempt to give something back to the campus and surrounding area of Wooster.

This week consists of many events such as the Penny Wars, Lip Sync, campus cleanup, 'Assassins' and a Greek-sponsored Happy Hour with Circle K at the Underground.

Throughout the week, the Greeks have sponsored the Penny Wars, a competition between each of the clubs and sections. The proceeds from this ongoing event will be donated to the United Way.

Elizabeth Lantz '06 said, "I gave pennies to Penny Wars and it was really exciting because I felt like I was gaining points for my sorority while also giving back to the community."

On Saturday morning, the groups will participate in an all-campus cleanup. This activity provides a way for the Greek groups to come together while also beautifying the campus. Each club or section will be assigned a residential building on

campus and are expected to clean up around it.

'Assassins' is a friendly competition between the groups whereby the participants of each section or club are given a name and it then becomes their duty to 'kill' another person with a Nerf gun.

Molly Spier '04, an 'Assassins' participant, said, "Assassins in past years has fallen by the wayside, but this year it has become an essential part of my being. However, I feel as though some people have taken it too far."

This Friday night, the Greeks are co-sponsoring Happy Hour and a dance party at the Underground with the international service organization Circle K, which is holding an auction during the night with proceeds funding a local charity. The event begins during Happy Hour and costs 75 cents for admission.

Paul Kuhns '05 encourages all members of campus to attend the Greek sponsored events.

"Everyone should check it out because it provides an opportunity to experience the Greek community in a social setting."

Perhaps the most well known Greek Week event is Lip Sync.

This event took place this past Wednesday night. Each club and section that participated came up with a seven to eight minute dance routine that they performed in McGaw Chapel.

Katlin Nevers Hayes '05 said, "Doing Lip Sync has really brought us Zetas together. All the hard work and practices have really been a lot of fun. We are really excited about Greek Week, especially Lip Sync and we hope for the best."

All of the proceeds from both Happy Hour on Friday and Lip Sync on Wednesday night are being given to charity. The charity will be determined by whichever group wins the Lip Sync competition.

The EKO's are sponsoring Operation Smile, the Thetas are sponsoring the Humane Society, the Zetas are sponsoring Race for the Cure, the Xi Chis are sponsoring the Fireman's Burn Unit and the Peanuts are sponsoring the Red Cross Disaster Fund.

Theta Kristin Santose '06, the social chair for the Inter-Greek Council, said, "We're hoping that Greek Week will allow more non-Greek people on campus to get involved in Greek life."



On Wednesday evening, the Greek community came out for the annual Lip Sync contest, which featured dance routines by different groups in an effort to raise awareness about the Greeks on campus and to help raise money for charity. Featured above are members of the Alpha Gammas (Photo by Jeremy Hohertz).

ISA hosts recognition banquet

By Danny George
Chief Staff Writer

Next Friday, the International Students Association (ISA) will be hosting the first annual ISA Banquet at Kittredge Dining Hall.

Aiming to celebrate the international diversity of the campus, the dinner will feature a potluck buffet replete with foods from around the world. Later in the evening, several international students will be honored for their exceptional contributions to the community.

Economics Professor Amyaz Moledina, the keynote speaker of the evening, feels that the banquet is about more than simple student recognition. "This is also a cultural event where all students can be exposed to foods from different parts of the world and interact in an informal setting," said Moledina, who will deliver a speech entitled: "The individual as an obstacle to Multiculturalism."

"I think Wooster student are very lucky to have access to such a diverse population of international students, especially if you value the concept of multiculturalism, [which] is hard to come by in the real world. A get together like this is an easy entry point into more meaningful relationships between students of different backgrounds," he said.

Invitations for the event have been sent to all international students, but all students are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$3 and available for purchase at the counter in Wilson Bookstore.

Four awards will be given out to international students who have assumed leadership roles on campus: The ISA Mentorship Award (in recognition of an individual from the faculty, staff or local community who has made a positive impact on the life or lives of an international student during their time at Wooster), the ISA Novice

Award (in recognition of a First-Year international student who has shown outstanding potential for leadership and academic success at The College of Wooster), the ISA Inspiration Award (in recognition of an international student who has been a role model for maintaining a successful balance of academic excellence and co-curricular leadership), and the ISA Nobel Award (in recognition of a senior international student who exhibits potential for greatness in their future life and career).

Preceding Friday's Banquet will be an international "Global Gourmet" celebration at Buehler's Milltown Store. Sponsored by the College's Ambassador's, the event will feature a smorgasbord of culinary dishes prepared by international students.

Those in attendance will observe the dishes being made, and will be able to sample the finished product for \$10.



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Reggae band to headline Springfest

By Elizabeth Weiss
A&E Editor

For the third year in a row, WAC has invited a fantastic group of bands to perform at Springfest, Wooster's annual spring entertainment event. Springfest, originally intended as a spring semester event to balance Party on the Green, has become a much anticipated all-campus cookout, party and concert. WAC President and Festivals Chair Eric Seling '05 has organized food, drink, music and other activities to keep students well entertained this Saturday evening.

Springfest will begin with a cookout from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The dining hall will close at this time to serve all students on the Lowry back patio.

Music is always a focal point of Springfest. "We brought in good bands. It's going to be a festive atmosphere," said Seling. This year's musical lineup will feature Wooster's own Sacred C.O.W. Blues Band, the eclectic Popular Genius and The Ark Band, a Columbus-based reggae group.

The music will begin at 4:45 p.m. with Sacred C.O.W. According to Seling, the band is "sort of funky, but they kind of jam out." The band has made a number of appearances on campus and has a strong fan base among Wooster students.

Popular Genius will take the stage at approximately 6 p.m. This five piece band from Tennessee was named "Most Promising New Band" by Nashville Scene magazine. They have been widely praised for their songwriting skills and unusual

instrumentation, which includes accordion and flute.

The Ark Band will play from 7:15 p.m. to about 8:45 p.m. The band has been together since 1987, and according to its website, considers reggae music a "powerful force that will unite people of all ages, races, abilities

Seling invited the band to campus after seeing them at a conference earlier this year. Even though he was only marginally familiar with reggae music at the time, Seling found the band's show irresistible. "People went wild for them," he said.

WAC Coffeehouse chair Will

having two artists will alleviate long lines. The artists will be working from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. WAC has also brought back the photo key chains that were so popular at Gala. The caricatures and key chains are both free. In addition, the first 150 people to arrive at Springfest will receive a free t-shirt.

C.A.R.D.E.D. will be serving free mocktails all evening. The Underground staff will begin selling alcoholic beverages after dinner for all students with valid I.D.

But the biggest attraction at this year's Springfest, according to the members of WAC, might just be the weather. "It's actually supposed to be nice this year," said Burton. Seling went so far as promise "wonderful weather."

After months of winter gloom, a sunny day will surely draw a large crowd. WAC is especially excited about the nice weather because past Springfests have been cursed with rain, tornado warnings and unseasonal cold.

With the good weather and great music, Springfest promises to provide students a "fun, laid back atmosphere," said Seling.

"It's going to be a time for people to kick back and have some fun before the stress of finals," he said.

WAC is always in need of volunteers to help with Springfest. Those interested in working at Springfest should contact Seling at extension 5572 or via email at eseling@wooster.edu.

Information for this article has been taken from these websites: www.thearkband.com/players/players.html and www.houseofwalley.com/pginfo.html.



The Ark Band, a reggae band from Columbus, will be performing at this Saturday's Springfest. They will take the stage at 7:15 p.m. The Sacred C.O.W. Blues Band and Popular Genius will also be performing (Photo Courtesy of The Ark Band).

and walks of life." The band has played at universities and festivals across the country, and has traveled to Canada and Jamaica. They have headlined several festivals and appeared with notable Jamaican acts including the Abyssinians, Gregory Isaacs, and Toots and the Maytals.

Burton '05 agrees with Seling's assessment of the band. "I think everyone will really like them," he said.

In addition to the music, Seling has arranged for two caricature artists to work at this year's Springfest. Last year there was only one artist, and Seling hopes



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Seniors present I.S. recitals

By Melissa Simmelink
Staff Writer

As a historical tradition at the College of Wooster, Senior Independent Study is a rite of passage for every student, across all academic majors. All studies are undoubtedly unique, but two especially distinctive projects have been created by students in the College's music department. Music majors Adam Young and Ansley White have worked to create I.S. projects that they can share with the entire campus. In addition to the standard research and papers of I.S., Young and White designed recital performances that will be presented on campus in late April.

Adam Young began pursuing music at a young age and grew seriously interested in becoming a music major during his senior year of high school. During his pre-Wooster years, Young created arrangements for school plays, and wrote an orchestral accompaniment for his senior solo.

"I came to Wooster because the program here is very classically centered," said Young. "The program here challenged me. At Wooster, I have learned to 'read music as I would the newspaper.' I have greater understanding of the music of the world as well as the functions, styles and means of

contemporary music composition."

Young's I.S., entitled "The Hope Mass," is a setting of the texts of Catholic Mass, including Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

"The piece is my musical response to the time we are living in," said Young. "I think that this is a time when hope is perhaps a precious commodity. What better place to find it than in the universal expressions of music and spirituality?"

As a modern, yet tonal piece, Young's work is set for a nine-part choir, two trumpets, tenor saxophone, trombone and bass trombone. The thirty-minute piece will be conducted by Douglass Buchanan '06, and performed by a 20-student volunteer choir in addition to the instrumentalists. The recital date is April 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Gault Recital Hall in Scheide.

Like Young, Ansley White has also had a lifelong passion for music. "I have always been surrounded by music and have always loved performing," said White. Since the fourth grade, White has worked to perfect her skills. She has played a variety of instruments in several ensembles. Some of her accomplishments include playing in the Delaware County (OH) Youth Orchestra, and leading in her high school's

Senior Musical in addition to choreographing the performance.

"When it came to my college choice, I wanted to go to a small liberal arts school with an excellent music program," said White. The combination of Wooster's music program and the diversity of the campus fit well with White's ambitions and ideals about her education.

"I didn't want to go to just a conservatory of music because I wanted to be exposed to other subjects and people who are passionate about things other than music. I have learned so much from my non-music major friends," said White.

While at Wooster, White has explored music history in addition to music theory. "You have to be able to look at a piece of music, determine what key it's in, what note it starts on, hear the intervals in your head and sight sing," she said. White studies music and practices for three hours daily. In addition, White has been involved in the Wooster Chorus as a section leader, and is currently singing in the Gospel Choir.

White's I.S. consists of a 45 minute musical performance, in addition to a 15 page paper that discusses Gabriel Faure and Ned Rorem, two of the composers featured in her recital. "I looked at their lives and their musical influ-

Choir concert on Sunday



The members of Gospel Choir rehearse for their upcoming concert. The Gospel Choir, under the direction of Joyce Mason, performs a mix of contemporary and traditional gospel music. They will be presenting a concert in McGaw Chapel this Sunday, April 18, at 4 p.m. The concert will feature a number of soloists, as well as group pieces. (Photo by Colin Frazee).

ences, talked about the poets that wrote the lyrics and took a closer look at the theory in the specific pieces I am singing," said White.

White's recital will be presented Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Gault Recital Hall in Scheide. White will be singing 18 different pieces by Purcell, Faure, Rodrigo, Rorem, Sullivan and Gershwin. White said that the audience could expect "a really fantastic evening of excellent music. I have spent a lot of time on preparing

for this recital . . . [T]his music really means a lot to me, and I know I am capable of communicating the message of the music and the text."

Both recitals promise to be an exciting reflection of the music department at Wooster, and the extraordinary dedication and work that these students have used to create an I.S. that can be so enjoyably shared with the campus and community. Admission is free to both concerts.

Movie Review

New Coen brothers movie a J. Hart must see

By Justin L. Hart
News Editor

Tom Hanks in a Coen brothers movie. If that isn't enough to make you want to see "The Ladykillers," then I don't know what will. But does this remake of the 1955 comedy measure up to the high expectations of its pedigree? In "The Ladykillers," Hanks' character appears at the door of elderly widow Mrs. Munson (Irma P. Hall) and introduces himself as the professor Goldthwait Higginson Dorr III, Ph.D. He asks to rent out her root cellar to use as a practice room for his Renaissance-music ensemble. In reality, however, Dorr and his

four colleagues plan to use Mrs. Munson's cellar as a base from which to tunnel into the secure vaults storing the money from a nearby riverboat casino. Thus begins the madcap story straight from the twisted minds of directing team Joel and Ethan Coen.

As usual for one of their films, the characters are chaotically colorful. Dorr's band of thieves is comprised of the gangsta-fied young janitor at the casino (Marlon Wayans), a silent Vietnamese assassin called the General (Tzi Ma), a bumbling demolitions expert with Irritable-Bowel Syndrome (J.K. Simmons) and the obligatory dumb strongman, Lump (Ryan Hurst).

This motley bunch shovels and blasts their way through the walls of Mrs. Munson's cellar, all the while playing a recording of Renaissance music on a stereo to cover up the noise from their oblivious boarder above.

So is this film worth seeing? Well, dear reader, we could dither over whether "The Ladykillers" quite measures up to the transcendently funny level of other Coen brothers hits like "The Big Lebowski" or "Fargo," but for my own part, I would support giving this film its own place in the Coen pantheon.

I won't give away the ending, but suffice it to say that the thieves' whole enterprise

becomes delightfully weird. I was entertained the whole way through "The Ladykillers;" there certainly was never a boring moment.

In addition, although I am notoriously bad as a judge of acting, I feel the cast members overall gave magnificent performances, especially considering that the diverse collage of characters meant that each was forced to play off of the other characters who were very different from themselves. Complaints could be raised that Tom Hanks's character is a cliché of the Southern gentleman, but I wouldn't be surprised if old Goldthwait is remembered as a film classic in years to come.

In the end, though, it is Irma P. Hall as Mrs. Munson who truly makes the film great. Want to see what I mean? Go see "The Ladykillers." This sort of tugboat doesn't come down the cinematic river every day.

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1. Which of these players was not a #1 NBA draft pick?

- A) Glenn Robinson
- B) Kenyon Martin
- C) Jason Kidd
- D) Joe Smith

2. Who won the Heisman Trophy in 1999?

- A) Ricky Williams
- B) Tom Brady
- C) Ron Dayne
- D) Chris Weinke

3. What team did the Chicago Bulls never defeat in the NBA Finals?

- A) Houston Rockets
- B) LA Lakers
- C) Seattle Sonics
- D) Portland Trail Blazers

4. Besides the Yankees, who is the only other team to win more than one World Series during the 90's?

- A) Atlanta Braves
- B) Toronto Blue Jays
- C) Minnesota Twins
- D) No one, it's a trick question

5. Which men's college basketball team won the NCAA title in 1993?

- A) Duke
- B) Michigan
- C) Arkansas
- D) North Carolina

6. What score constitutes as a double eagle in golf?

- A) A hole in one on a par 3
- B) A hole in one on a par 5
- C) A 2 on a par 4
- D) A 2 on a par 5

7. Where did Packer QB Brett Favre attend college?

- A) Southern Mississippi
- B) Middle Tennessee State
- C) Texas Southern
- D) Western Kentucky

8. Who was the first major league baseball player to hit 50 home runs and 50 doubles in the same season?

- A) Albert Belle
- B) Ken Griffey Jr.
- C) Alex Rodriguez
- D) Barry Bonds

9. What college basketball coach has won 700 games and isn't in the hall of fame?

- A) Lute Olson
- B) Eddie Sutton
- C) Rick Pitino
- D) Steve Lavin

10. Who has the most free-throw attempts in the NBA?

- A) Michael Jordan
- B) Wilt Chamberlain
- C) Karl Malone
- D) Mark Price

Answers: 1 B, 2 B, 3 A, 4 C, 5 D, 6 D, 7 A, 8 A, 9 B, 10 C

Correct Answers

0-3: It wouldn't hurt to turn on Sportscenter every once in a while

3-6: Not bad, but my grandpa with Alzheimer's did better

6-8: Sounds like you know your stuff

9-10: Almost as knowledgeable as I am, keep up the good work

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Lacrosse impressive in play

By Michelle Erickson
Staff Writer

The College of Wooster women's lacrosse team entered last week tied for the conference

lead and facing two tough conference opponents. By weeks end, the Scots had defeated Wittenberg, and rival Denison to remain tied for the lead in the conference with Kenyon. The wins set up a showdown in Gambier this Wednesday for the outright lead in the NCAC.

The Scots traveled to Springfield to face the Wittenberg Tigers on Wednesday. After a strong defensive

effort, highlighted by goalie Nicki Hunt's '06 career high twenty-two saves, Wooster prevailed 8-5.

"Nicki is very aware in goal. She has very athletic goalie with very good form. She takes smart chances and leads the defense very effectively. She is one of our key players and she holds a lot of promise for the future," said Joanna Harrod '06.

Offensively, Wooster was lead by Megan Sward '06 and Helena Iaquina '06, who both finished with three points apiece. Sward contributed two goals and one assist, while Iaquina scored three goals during the win.

The win set up a showdown with arch rival Denison University, who the Scots had beat for the conference title the last two seasons. The game was played close throughout the first half, but Sward opened the second half with a string of four straight goals to put the game out of reach and to seal a sweet victory for Wooster.

"Sward is like the quarterback of our offense. She's always looking for ways to create opportunities for her teammates. She had an exceptionally good game against Denison, our biggest rival. She really stepped up and played well," stated Harrod.

The Scots also received very key goals from Erica Frazier-Young '05 and Lizzie Newton '04. Newton finished the game with a season high four goals, while Frazier-Young finished

ahead to their game against Kenyon on Wednesday for the outright lead in the conference.

Following the game at Kenyon, Wooster returns home for two non-conference games on Friday and Sunday, against Brockport State and Colorado College. The game against Colorado College is a rematch of Wooster's NCAA tournament game last season, which was played in Colorado.

The Scots lost the hard fought battle 7-13 up in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado Springs.

"We're just trying to take it one game at a time, and not over look any opponent.

We are looking forward to the rematch with Colorado College and we want to beat them on our home turf and show them what Scot lax is all about," commented Harrod.

The games on Friday and Sunday are at 5 p.m. and 11 a.m., respectively.

Come and support the Scots as they look to continue their successful season and repeat at NCAC conference champions.



Ashley Arnold '05 is one of the current leaders on the championship-bound lacrosse team (Courtesy of OPI).

with two.

Once again the defense was lead by Hunt, who had another strong outing, amassing twelve saves. She also collected a team high six ground balls. Her combined effort during the week earned her NCAC Player of the Week for the first time in her career. It also brings her save percentage to a .621 which is leading the conference.

The Scots are now looking

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Katich, pitching behind 20-5 Scots' league streak

By Jenny Eklund
Staff Writer

The Fighting Scots baseball team had a busy week, playing six games including two double-headers. Dropping only one close contest to Otterbein, 11-10, the Scots improved their season record to 20-5 with victories against Muskingum and Oberlin.

The Scots did their best to catch up after Otterbein took an 11-8 lead in the eighth inning, scoring two runs in the ninth, but they were ultimately unable to take the lead. Mike Barone '07 hit his first career home run and brought in two runs to kick things off for Wooster in that inning, but it was too late to earn the victory.

The Scots did have a strong day offensively; Barone notched four hits on the day and Luke Ullman '04 tied a school record, hitting three doubles in the game.

Matt Miller '04 hit one over the fence in the first inning, giving the Scots an early 2-0 lead, and Wooster's pitching started off strong as starter Luke Katich '06 retired the first seven batters he faced. However, the Scot relievers got into a bit of trouble and were unable to rein in the Otterbein bats late in the game.

The very next day, the Scots earned a victory on their home field against Muskingum. The

6-5 win wasn't secured until the bottom of the ninth, as Ullman hit a leadoff solo home run, his fifth of the season, to put the game away.

James Amendola '04 started the game for the Scots and held Muskingum scoreless for the first three innings of play. After Muskingum began to threaten the Scots' lead, Walt Samson '06 came in to relieve Amendola and got the Scots out of a tough spot, stranding two Muskingum runners and keeping the game tied at 5 before Ullman finished it off in the bottom of the next inning. Samson ultimately got the win, raising his season win-loss mark to 3-1.

Offensively, along with Ullman's home run, Rob Romick '06 hit a three-run shot in the cleanup position. Marc Lucas '04 also had a solid day, getting two hits and an RBI in the victory.

Wooster traveled to Oberlin College for doubleheaders on both Saturday and Sunday. The Yeomen were no match for the Scots, as Wooster won Saturday's games 13-0 and 12-2 and Sunday's matches 10-1 and 6-0.

The Scots have won the last 50 games they played against Oberlin College, and their dominance was obvious in each of the four games.

In Saturday's first game, Brian Miller '06 pitched his first career complete-game shutout and the Scots jumped all over Oberlin's



Kurt Kapferer '06 gets ready to connect for a long ball. (Courtesy of OPI).

pitching. Lucas pounded his first career grand slam home run in the third inning; other big offensive contributors included Kurt Kapferer '06 with an RBI triple in the first, Evan Agona's '04 two-run single in the third, and a single by Barone in the seventh that also scored two.

The nightcap featured a three-run homer by Ullman and another

strong outing by Justin Alaburda '04, who upped his record to 4-1 with the win. Top performers for the day also included Matt Miller '04, who went 5-for-8 with a double, four stolen bases, three runs scored, and an RBI in the doubleheader, Agona's 4-for-4 performance featuring a double, a stolen base, two runs and three RBI, and Barone, who was 5-for-9 with five runs scored and three RBI on the day.

Sunday's games featured more solid pitching and offensive explosions. In the first game, Katich held the Yeomen scoreless through all seven innings to earn his fourth victory of the season. Katich had a career-high nine strikeouts in the win, and his teammates provided plenty of offensive support.

Romick's sacrifice fly in the first put the Scots on the scoreboard first, followed quickly by an RBI single by Ullman. He and Miller provided more runs with RBI singles in the fourth as the Scots added three runs in that inning.

In the second game, the Scots

and Yeomen stayed scoreless until Kapferer drove the ball over the fence in the third with a two-run homer, his fifth of the season. Jake Frank '05 added to the Scots' lead in the fifth with an RBI single, and later hit his 16th double of the season with another RBI.

Jon Oliver '06 pitched his first career complete-game shutout, giving up only three hits and not walking a batter. Oliver fanned 10 Oberlin batters in winning his fourth game of the season. Ullman had another productive day at the plate, leading the Scots with a 5-for-9, three RBI effort.

The Scots remained ranked seventh in the latest national polls, and are ranked first in the Midwest region. They also hold the conference lead with their 20-5 overall, 7-1 NCAC East record.

Wooster is scheduled to play seven games between April 14-18. Among these are three consecutive tests against perennial powers Ohio Dominican (April 14 at home), Baldwin-Wallace (April 15 at home), and John Carroll (April 16, away) that should give the Scots a challenge and help prepare them for the upcoming postseason. Wooster also faces Kenyon on Saturday and Sunday.

Men's lax competing for NCAC championship

By Katie Lamoreau
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster men's lacrosse team has gotten off to a good start this season, coming into this week with a 5-3 record while 2-1 in the NCAC. With six games left on the docket, only two of which are conference games, the Fighting Scots are preparing to make a run in order to stay in the race for the North Coast Athletic Conference title.

The College of Wooster men's lacrosse team, in its existence, has never won a conference title, but they obviously have the determination and the capabilities to do it this season. The Scots are currently tied for first place in the

NCAC with Denison University (3-5, 2-1 NCAC) and the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops (5-4, 3-1 NCAC). If they all end up with only one loss in the NCAC, they can easily have a three-way tie for first place.

In their most recent match, on April 10, the Fighting Scots took on their rivals, Wittenberg University, in Springfield, Ohio. The first half was very close, as the game was tied at 4-4 going into the second half. But, for Wittenberg University, it was all downhill from there, as the Fighting Scots went on a scoring frenzy, getting six goals in the final half, while the Fighting Scots' defense only allowed one Wittenberg goal.

The biggest achievement of the night came from Tom Canfield '04, who scored a season-high three goals. Austin Taylor '06 and Andy Boylan '06 both put in two a piece. Other helpers on offense included Sean Handy '06 who had a three point outing with one goal and two assists, and Steve Burton '04 who scored one goal and dished out one assist.

The defense had an impressive game as well, as keeper Courter Shimeal '06 saved ten Wittenberg shots. Helping out Shimeal on defense were Mike Kavulic '05, Sam Carmony '06 and David Loudenslager '07, among others. At the final buzzer, the College of Wooster Fighting Scots were vic-

torious by a score of 10-5, thanks to an overall team effort.

The Fighting Scots take on Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in a North Coast Athletic Conference game on April 21. The Lords of Kenyon College current-

ly have an overall record of 4-5 and 1-3 in the NCAC.

The next three out of four games are NCAC match-ups, which is very crucial in the quest to be named NCAC champions with a bid to nationals.

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Softball fights for victories *Golf finds the birdie*

By Dan Kremer
Staff Writer

The women's softball team lost two tough contests to NCAC foe Ohio Wesleyan, 3-0 and 7-0, at

Natalie Barone '06 had another impressive outing.

Barone pitched a complete game two hitter, walking two, and striking out four. Ohio Wesleyan's three runs were unearned and were



Nell Schieber '04 steps into the batters box and focuses on the pitch coming her way (Photo by Sajal Sthapit).

home on April 9. With the losses, the team falls to 8-13 on the season, 0-4 in NCAC play.

In the first game of the double header the Scots out hit OWU 4-2, but were unable put any runners across the plate. Despite the loss,

the result of sloppy fielding by the Scots. With the loss Barone drops to 4-6 on the season.

Offensively, four different players collected Wooster's four hits: Brianne Diorio '04, Nell Schieber '04, Natalie Jawyn '07 and Maria

Gonzalez '07.

In the second game of the double header Angie Barone '04 pitched a complete game seven hitter, walking ten, and striking out six. Barone was not her usual self during the outing; she gave up seven runs and all the runs were earned.

Barone, a stand out for the Scots the last four years, needs 61 strikeouts to become the 15th pitcher in Division III softball history to record 600 strikeouts.

Offensively, the Scots experienced the same problems as the first game. The team had five hits but could not score a run. Jamie Pocatko '07 led the Scots offensively, going two for three with two singles. Also with hits on the day were Kelly Robinson '06, Gonzalez and Diorio. Gonzalez has continued her hot hitting of late, batting .320 in ten starts this year.

Diorio continues to lead the team in hitting and with the second game against OWU, tied the Wooster softball record for games started in a career, 125. Abby Petrullo '03 started 125 games for the Scots from 2000-2003.

The Scots double header against Allegheny on April 12 was postponed due to rain and will be made up on April 18. The Scots play Oberlin on April 14.

By David Murray
Sports Editor

The Fighting Scots golf team continued their impressive play with a third place finish at the Ted Barclay Spring Classic Invitational on April 9 and 10. The Scots are currently on a streak of four consecutive tournaments that they have finished in the top three spots or better.

The Scots shot 613 as a team and trailed second place Denison, which shot a 608 by five strokes. Ohio Wesleyan University won the team championship with a 600.

Andy Van Horn '07 had the best outing for the Scots and helped the team solidify the third place finish. In his thirty six holes of play Van Horn finished tied for first with a 145. In the playoff that ensued with Ohio Wesleyan's Chad Poling '04 birdied the hole for the individual victory. So far in the season Van Horn has had a profound impact on the golf team. In thirteen rounds he is averaging a 77.2 and has become the first Scots golfer in over two years to shot under 70, with a 69 at the Muskingum College Spring Invitational.

Van Horn is a versatile athlete, when he is not strolling the links

he can be found on the hard wood floor as a member of the College's basketball team.

Michael Tilden '05 also had a dominating performance as he finished in the top with rounds of 73 and 75 for a 148 over the two days. In the previous tournament Tilden became the second College of Wooster golfer to earn medalist honors with the low round of 71. The score of 71 was his lowest round of the season and currently Tilden has the second lowest average on the team with a 76.2.

Paul Hiller '05 and Brandon Tylka '06 tied for 53rd place with a 161. The last of the Scots was Joe Punturi '05 who took 78th place with a 166. So far this season Punturi is the team's top golfer with an average of 75.2. His lowest round of the season was a 71.

The threesome of Punturi, Tilden and Van Horn appears to be a formidable trio with the ability in any given tournament to capture the team and individual trophies.

This weekend the Scots look to continue their dominance as they will host their annual tournament, the Parlor Restaurant/Wooster Invitational, on April 16 and 17.

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SPORTS DATA

Scots shutout the Yeomen of Oberlin College on Easter behind the dominating performance of pitcher John Oliver, who only allowed three hits.

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Mike Barone lf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Matt Miller 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1
Jake Frank 3b.....	4	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	0
Kurt Kapferer 1b.....	4	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2
Luke Ullman ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
Mark Lucas dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Justin Alaburda rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Brandon Boesiger c.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	10	0	0
Adam Artman cf.....	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jon Oliver p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	29	6	9	6	0	5	21	3	5

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jon Oliver.....	7.0	3	0	0	0	10	24	25	-

Score by Innings	R	H	E
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Oberlin College.....	000	000	0 - 0 3 1

UPCOMING GAMES

April 16th

Baseball @ John Carroll @ 3:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Brockport
State @ 5 p.m.
Men's Golf: Parlor Restaurant/College
of Wooster Invitational

April 17th

Baseball vs. Kenyon doubleheader
@ 1 p.m.
Men's Golf: Parlor Restaurant/College
of Wooster Invitational
Softball @ Denison doubleheader
@ 1 p.m.
Men's and Women's Tennis @
Wittenberg: All day

April 18th

Women's Lacrosse vs. Colorado
College @ 11 a.m.
Baseball vs. Kenyon doubleheader
@ 1 p.m.